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FIVE LOAVES AND TWO FISHES

Matthew 14:15-21

Time: Near the Passover.

Setting: Grassy prairie near Bethsaida along seashore.

Characters: Christ, Philip, Andrew, disciples, crowd, lad.

Event: Miraculously feeding of 5,000 men besides women etc.

I. A GREAT MIRACLE IN THE DAYS OF MIRACLES.

A. Miracle defined: Above the human.

B. Old Testament numbers 54 and more. Moses had 30 alone.

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| 1. Creation | 5. Manna | 9. Jericho falls |
| 2. Flood | 6. Rock-water | 10. Naaman |
| 3. Plagues | 7. Brazen serpent | 11. Elijah-proph, Baal. |
| 4. Red Sea | 8. Jordan crossing | 12. Jonah-large fish. |

C. New Testament numbers 48. Christ performed 35 on record.

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| 1. Bible itself. | 5. Raised Lazarus. |
| 2. Birth, life, res. of Christ. | 6. Cured 10 lepers. |
| 3. Water to wine at Cana. | 7. Ear of Malchus. |
| 4. Walked on water. | 8. Power to Apostles. |

John 20:30-31 John 21:25.

II. IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT THIS MIRACLE.

A. Materials from unexpected source. Lad. John 6:8-9.

B. Dedicated family, right place, right time. Eph. 6:4.

C. Christ did more with matter than any human could.

1. Can do more with us than any of us dare to dream.

D. Amazing how many lives he blessed by one small offering.

III. WHAT CAN ONE CONVERSION POSSIBLY MEAN TO CHRIST? Prov. 11:30.

A. Andrew brought his brother. Partook in his great results.

B. T. B. Larimore encouraged by Tolbert Fanning.

1. Larimore established Mars Hill College. Many preachers

2. Established many churches, baptized hundreds in Ala.

3. 1894: 5mo. 4day. meeting Sherman, Texas. 333 sermons.

2 a day. 3 on Sunday. Baptized over 200.

4. 1895: Three month, fourteen day meeting in Los Angeles

Baptized 120 people into Christ.

C. Marshall Keeble baptized by Preston Taylor. Any results?

1. Murfreesboro, Tenn. born negro has baptized between

25 and 30,000 people, both black and whites.

2. Has established over 200 new congregations

3. Now president, Nashville Bible Institute. Over 80 yrs.

4. Has given Christ over 60 years of Gospel preaching.

D. Hall L. Calhoun taught by J. W. McGarvey.

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1. Scholar with degrees from College of Bible, Lexington, Ky., Yale and Harvard. B.A., M.A., Ph D.
2. Reached tens of thousands for years over station WLAC, Nashville, Central Church of Christ program.
3. The preacher who converted and encouraged M. Norvel Young to preach. Pres. Pepperdine. Hold our meeting

E. F. L. Young baptized by Harry Hamilton and turned from law to ministry by T. B. Larimore.

1. Preached gospel over 50 years.
2. Hated four things: Lying, hypocrisy, whiskey, debts.
3. Guided 6 sons and 5 daughters. 33 grandchildren.

b. One great grand-daughter is Patti Mattox Bryant!!
(1) How much has F. L. Young helped Nigeria?

IV. WHAT CAN CHRIST DO WITH THE LITTLE I HAVE TO OFFER? YOU?

Heb. 5:12

A. Another T. B. Larimore in Bible School./How teaching?

B. Another Marshall Keeble in T. V. audience.

1. Much depends on script writers, typists, coordinators, directors, narrators and many many helpers. Small II Timothy 4:1-2.

C. Another Hall L. Calhoun sitting with family in one of our Cottage Meetings in progress. I Cor. 15:58.

D. Another F. L. Young in Port Arthur awaiting an invitation from you to our services. Be an Andrew at least!

E. More M. Norvel Youngs and Patti Bryants sitting on these front rows. Guard them well.

INV: FEEL you don't amount to much? None of us do! But a little.
WANT to do something for Christ? Obey his gospel. Biggest!

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